

Appln. No. 10/662,164
Response dated March 7, 2006
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 8, 2006
Docket No. BOC9-2002-0032 (327)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 8, 2006. The response is timely filed within the one-month shortened statutory period, and, as such, no fee is believed due.

The Restriction Requirement requires election of one of the following groupings:

Group I: Claims 1-8 and 22-29, drawn to providing authorization and security for electronic documents, classified in class 726, subclass 2;

Group II: Claims 9-14 and 30-35, drawn to storing electronic document in the network storage location, classified in class 715, subclass 501.1; and

Group III: Claims 15-21 and 36-42, drawing to using of a Boolean operation for identifying electronic documents, classified in class 707, subclass 2.

Applicants hereby submit a provisional election of the Group I claims (Claims 1-8 and 22-29). Accordingly, Applicants hereby withdraw from consideration Claims 9-21 and 30-42 in order to comply with the Restriction Requirement and expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants respectfully assert, however, that the withdrawal of Claims 9-21 and 30-42 is not to be construed as a surrender of any subject matter in the instant application, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue protection for the subject matter of the withdrawn claims in one or more divisional patent applications.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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